

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
September 1, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Carla Knobler, Interim Associate Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*
↑ Please stand as you are able.

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction. You may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may take a pre-packaged kit with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer from the center communion server. Please tell an usher if you need communion brought to you where you sit.

The prelude is the beginning of the worship service and is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Please be respectful of the worshippers around you that are using this time for that purpose.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always

☑ **And also with you.**

We share a sign of God's peace.

↑ GATHERING HYMN: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

ELW Hymn 879

**1 For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

**2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain***

**3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain***

**4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain***

**5 For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain***

↑ **GREETING**

- ☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 ☞ **And also with you.**

↑ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Glory to God*

ELW S213a

Refrain

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
 glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

1. **Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain***
2. **Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain***
3. **For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain***

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- ☞ O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 ☞ **Amen.**

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

see insert

SECOND READING James 1:17-27

see insert

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*

ELW S216a

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

↑ **GOSPEL:** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

see insert

SERMON

Pastor Carla

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY** *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

ELW Hymn 772

- 1 **Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!
 Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!**
- 2 **Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere;
 let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.**
- 3 **Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
 and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.**
- 4 **Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road;
 nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.**

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↑ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

- ☞ Let us profess our baptismal faith together.
 ☞ **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "Merciful God," please respond, "Receive our prayer."
The prayers are ended with these words, "We lift up these prayers ... into your holy keeping."
Please respond, "Amen."*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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MUSICAL OFFERING

↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| P | The Lord be with you. | C | And also with you. |
| P | Lift up your hearts. | C | We lift them to the Lord. |
| P | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | C | It is right to give our thanks and praise. |
| P | It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn: | | |
| C | Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, | | <i>ELW 193</i> |
| | heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. | | |
| | Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. | | |

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice.
You may also choose a pre-packaged cup with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer.*

COMMUNION HYMN *Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus*

ACS setting 12

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

COMMUNION HYMN *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

ELW Hymn 512

**Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil. (repeat as needed.)**

↑ **PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

☞ God all mighty, God most merciful
 ✚ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

☞ **Amen.**

↑ **SENDING HYMN** *Restore in Us, O God*

ELW Hymn 328

- 1** Restore in us, O God,
 the splendor of your love;
 renew your image in our hearts,
 and all our sins remove.
- 2** O Spirit, wake in us
 the wonder of your pow'r;
 from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
 like springtime bud and flow'r.
- 3** Bring us, O Christ, to share
 the fullness of your joy;
 baptize us in the risen life
 that death cannot destroy.
- 4** Three-personed God, fulfill
 the promise of your grace,
 that we, when all our searching ends,
 may see you face to face.

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↑ **SENDING**

☞ Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
 And invite all to join in connecting to His pathway of joy and life.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **POSTLUDE**

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Altar Guild: Pat Oliver

Lector: (8:30)-Jonas Barbour; (11:00)-Marty Hagberg

Tech crew: (8:30)-Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins

(11:00)-Carol Jensen-Linton, Joni Siepert, Brad Milburn

Ushers: (8:30)-Tor Brunso, Stephen Gundersen

(11:00)-Tom Conrad, Ben McCumber

Altar flowers given by Kitty Robison in memory of Wayne Robison.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, September 1

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

📖 The first reading is from Deuteronomy , the 4th chapter.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

📖 The Word of the Lord. 🙏 **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING James 1:17-27

📖 The second reading is from James, the 1st chapter.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

📖 The Word of the Lord. 🙏 **Thanks be to God**

Gospel on the back.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

🙌 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙌 **Praise to you, O Christ.**